

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**January 1**  
**One Service Sunday**  
**Happy New Year!**

**January 2**  
**OFFICE CLOSED**

**January 4**  
**F.L.O.W. Resumes**

**January 9**  
**Men's Bible Study**  
**Resumes**

**January 10**  
**Joy/Peace Circle**

**January 11**  
**Wonderful Wednesday**  
**Resumes**

**January 12**  
**Beth Moore Bible Study**  
**on Revelation begins**  
**Friendship/Day Circle**

**January 15**  
**Communion Sunday**

**January 23**  
**Caring Committee**

**January 27, 28, 29**  
**Youth Ski Trip**

## “CHOICES”



Change is always occurring! While making a toothpaste purchase recently I thought, “My, how things have changed! How do I know what to purchase?” Have you paid much attention lately to how many choices we have in toothpaste? Have you noticed how many different kinds (not brands) of toothpaste there are? It seems that the brands of Crest and Colgate are the leaders in the toothpaste market. But the choices!!! Crest has Crest with Scope (a mouth wash added), Pro-Health, Extra White, Complete (whatever it is that makes it “complete”), Cavity Protection (isn’t that one reason we brush our teeth?), 3D White and Sensitivity. Then we have Colgate Total Advance, Total Whitening, Total Clean Mint, Optic White, Sensitive, Cavity Protection (couldn’t let Crest get ahead), MaxFresh and MaxFresh / Smart Foam. My guess is that the third leading brand of toothpaste would be Aquafresh and they, too, have quite a selection. Then there are the lesser known brands: Sensodyne, Rembrandt, Zirodent Herbal (for those who like natural), Listerine Essential Care and Topol Plus. If you like fruit flavor, you can get strawberry or watermelon. As I stood and looked at the wall of toothpaste before me, I thought, “Which of these is going to help fight cavities and give me the best smile?”

When I was a boy, toothpaste came in a tube that could be actually be rolled up from the bottom as you used the toothpaste. Today it comes in a plastic tube that doesn’t roll at all. I’m sure that this is “new and improved” but I sure liked the old tubes better! In addition to the traditional tubes there are several other choices in the containers. Change, change, change!!! Change is inevitable!

The time has come to once again say good bye to another year and welcome in a New Year. We look back at the changes over 2011. One of my biggest changes in 2011 is that this was my first Christmas without my dad. Many of you, too, faced this Christmas without a dad, a spouse, a brother or sister for the very first time. While it is somewhat painful, I am even more aware of God’s grace that came down at Christmas in the form of a babe born in a manger. It is that grace that helps us deal with change and that grace that will carry us through 2012!

I look forward to greeting you each Sunday at the “Grace” place.

*Calvin*

# CONTINUING IN BIBLE STUDY FOR THE NEW YEAR January 2012

1. Genesis 1, 2 & Matthew 1
2. Genesis 3, 4, 5 & Matthew 2
3. Genesis 6, 7, 8 & Matthew 3
4. Genesis 9, 10, 11 & Matthew 4
5. Genesis 12, 13, 14 & Matthew 5:1-30
6. Genesis 15, 16, 17 & Matthew 5:31-48
7. Genesis 18, 19 & Matthew 6
8. Genesis 20, 21, 22 & Matthew 7
9. Genesis 23, 24 & Matthew 8
10. Genesis 25, 26 & Matthew 9:1-17
11. Genesis 27, 28 & Matthew 9:18-38
12. Genesis 29, 30 & Matthew 10:1-23
13. Genesis 31, 32 & Matthew 10:24-42
14. Genesis 33, 34, 35 & Matthew 11
15. Genesis 36, 37 & Matthew 12:1-21
16. Genesis 38, 39, 40 & Matthew 12:22-50
17. Genesis 41, 42 & Matthew 13:1-23
18. Genesis 43, 44 & Matthew 13:24-43
19. Genesis 45, 46 & Matthew 13:44-58
20. Genesis 47, 48 & Matthew 14:1-21
21. Genesis 49, 50 & Matthew 14:22-36
22. Exodus 1, 2, 3 & Matthew 15:1-28
23. Exodus 4, 5 & Matthew 15:29-39
24. Exodus 6, 7 & Matthew 16
25. Exodus 8, 9 & Matthew 17
26. Exodus 10, 11, 12 & Matthew 18
27. Exodus 13, 14 & Matthew 19
28. Exodus 15, 16 & Matthew 20
29. Exodus 17, 18, 19 & Matthew 21:1-27
30. Exodus 20, 21 & Matthew 21:28-46
31. Exodus 22, 23 & Matthew 22:1-22

## WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY NEWS



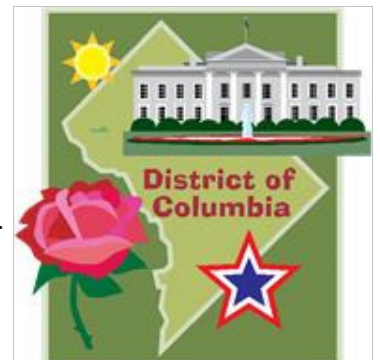
Wonderful Wednesdays will resume on January 11, when we will have an art appreciation/devotional taught by Jane Hollingsworth. Jane will highlight paintings by Rembrandt and teach the devotional that goes along with each painting. These classes will be held on January 11, January 18, and January 25. They will be held in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 6:30. In February, Ann Bailey will teach a Bible Study on "Prayer".

## ADULT MINISTRIES NEWS

Early in December, 20 of us took a two-day trip to Lake Junaluska, the Southeastern Jurisdiction retreat center. While we were there we took a tour of the Biltmore House in Asheville, NC and, later that evening, were treated to a concert by the Lake Junaluska Singers. We also got in some good shopping at their annual craft fair before we left for home.

Mark your calendars for April 9 - April 14, 2012, when we will take a bus tour of Washington, DC and New York City. The tour includes five night's hotel accommodations; two days sightseeing with a professional tour guide in Washington, DC; professional guided tour of New York City with Broadway Show Tickets. Eight meals are also included. The bus will be a deluxe motor coach with luggage handling.

Come along with us and enjoy the cherry blossoms in Washington and the hustle and bustle of New York.



# YOUTH NEWS



There is nothing more satisfying than to be able to spread the spirit of Christmas with a group of your friends. That is exactly what we did this past month with all our Christmas events and none was more satisfying than our annual Carolgrams. We were so happy to be able to sing to the shut-ins and bring a little Christmas joy right into their homes. We also were so blessed to once again have Laura Gale with us to accompany us with the auto harp and to keep us on tempo and on track. Later that night we were fortunate to be able to visit the Loveless', the Crow's and the Sapp's who all opened up their homes to us for a progressive dinner. The night was a great success and got us pumped up for the last week of school which ended with a lock-in. Our schedule in January will go back to normal on January 8th with our Youth Council meeting at 4:00 and youth continuing from 5:00 - 7:00. The month will end just in time for our Ski Trip on January 27 through 29 at Wolf Ridge Ski Resort in North Carolina. The Moeller's were gracious enough to invite us back to their cabin once again. It was a great Christmas break and we are looking forward to the New Year!

*Tyler Flowers*

# CHILDREN'S NEWS

As most of you know, both our Children's Church services each Sunday are held in the Youth Chapel. The offering is used to help people in third world countries. This December, through World Vision, the children of St. Paul provided a goat and two chickens to a family who desperately needs help. We have plans to help even more families during 2012.

We are working on getting our puppet ministry revived. During the last youth lock-in, Tyler filmed an instructional puppet show, which taught the proper way to handle the puppets during the show and the proper way to store them.

We are planning several evenings in which the kids will be here for fun activities such as a Sanctuary scavenger hunt, Books of the Bible relays, making scarves for "Under the Bridge" ministry, movies and food, of course. We're looking forward to an exciting year for St. Paul kids!

*Evelyn Wells*



# ANNUAL SWEETHEART BANQUET



Our annual 'Sweetheart Banquet' is set for Saturday, February 4. The theme for this year's banquet is "Hollywood Sweethearts". So bring your 'sweetheart' and come join the fun on Saturday, February 4 at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.



# BETH MOORE BIBLE STUDY

Lee Moeller will be facilitating a new Beth Moore Bible Study for women on Revelation beginning on January 12 from 10:00 am till 12:00 noon in the Conference Room.

# United Methodist Women

Joy/Peace Circle meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6:15 pm in the Conference Room

Friendship/Day Circle meets the second Thursday of every month at 10:00 am in the Lend A Hand Sunday School Classroom.

All women of the church are invited to either of these UMW groups.

# THOUGHTS FOR THE NEW YEAR

In looking for 'resolutions' to suggest for the New Year, I stumbled upon these from a friend of mine. Try to understand the deep meaning of these; the Scriptural suggestions to follow in life.

1. Prayer is not a 'spare wheel' that you pull out when in trouble, but rather a 'steering wheel' that directs the right path throughout.
2. So why is a car's windshield so large and the rear view mirror so small? Because our past is not as important as our future. So, look ahead and move on.
3. Friendship is like a book. It takes a few seconds to burn, but it takes years to write.
4. All things in life are temporary. If things are going well, enjoy it, it won't last forever. If things aren't going so well, don't worry, they can't last long either!
5. Old friends are gold! New friends are diamond! If you get a diamond, don't forget the gold because to hold a diamond, you always need a base of gold!
6. Often when we lose hope and think this is the end, God smiles from above and says, "Relax, sweetheart, it's just a bend, not the end!"
7. When God solves your problems, you have faith in His abilities, when God doesn't solve your problems He has faith in your abilities.
8. A blind person asked St Anthony, "Can there be anything worse than losing your eye sight?" He replied, "Yes, losing your vision!"
9. When you pray for others, God listens to you and blesses them, and sometimes, when you are safe and happy, remember that someone has prayed for you!
10. Worrying does not take away tomorrow's troubles, it takes away today's peace!

**Rev. Calvin Haney, Pastor**

*Return Service Requested*

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## DID YOU KNOW?



**WONDERFUL  
WEDNESDAY  
ACTIVITIES**  
*will resume on  
January 11, 2012!  
We will have new*

***Bible Studies, some activities,  
Bible Study for kids and teens  
and of course, wonderful food  
cooked by Rexann and her  
crew!!!***

### TEN WAYS TO LOVE

1. Listen without interrupting  
Proverbs 18
2. Speak without accusing  
James 1:19
3. Give without sparing  
Proverbs 21:26
4. Pray without ceasing  
Colossians 1:9
5. Answer without arguing  
Proverbs 17:1
6. Share without pretending  
Ephesians 4:15
7. Enjoy without complaint  
Philippians 2:14
8. Trust without wavering  
1 Corinthians 13:7
9. Forgive without punishing  
Colossians 3:13
10. Promise without forgetting  
Proverbs 13:12

## CHURCH STAFF

*Pastor - Calvin Haney  
Choir Master - Tim Gale  
Accompanist - Terry Sapp  
Youth Director - Tyler Flowers  
Administrative Secretary - Susan Page  
Financial Secretary - Frances Steedley  
Hospitality - Rexann Hulsey  
Building/Grounds - Ralph Moore  
Christian Ed Dir. - Evelyn Wells*